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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ACTING SECRETARY AND
PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI

1. THE ACTING SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI MET
FOR TWO HOURS ON JUNE 23. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE,
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS
COORDINATOR DERIAN WERE PRESENT. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY THREE MINISTERS, AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA AND
DIABATE.

2. THE ACTING SECRETARY WELCOMED THE DELEGATION AND
INVITED THEM TO HAVE FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON TOPICS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. THE PRIMARY ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE HUMAN
RIGHTS, SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS AND THE SITUATION
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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3. BEAVOGUI STATED THAT THE DELEGATION HAD COME TO
IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT
TOURE HAD NOT ONLY BEEN PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S
INAUGURAL ADDRESS BUT HAD FOLLOWED HIS CAMPAIGN. THE
GUINEANS WERE SATISFIED WITH WHAT SEEMED TO BE A NEW SPIRIT
IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY REGARDING AFRICA,
SINCE THE

ADVENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. BEAVOGUI PRAISED U.S. EFFORTS TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT INDICATED THAT AFRICANS HAD WAITED TOO LONG TO BE RID OF COLONIALISM. HE URGED US TO PUSH HARDER FOR CHANGES IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA AND SAID THE U.S. ROLE WOULD BE "DETERMINING". THE ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT GUINEA'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR EFFORTS AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD PERSIST.

4. BEAVOGUI REVIEWED GUINEA'S POSITION ON THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS AND STATED THAT SEKOU TOURE HAD DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO LAND AT CONAKRY ANY MORE. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CONAKRY HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THIS BEFORE BEAVOGUI'S DEPARTURE. BEAVOGUI STATED THAT FROM TODAY (JUNE 23) THE PLANES WILL NO LONGER LAND IN CONAKRY. HE ASKED IF THE US COULD PROVIDE GUINEA WITH SOME SHIPS -- COAST GUARD CUTTERS. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THE REQUEST FOR PATROL CRAFT WAS A QUID PRO QUO FOR TERMINATION OF THE SOVIET FLIGHTS.

5. BEAVOGUI EXPLAINED GUINEA'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DETAIL. HE REVIEWED GUINEA'S HISTORY FROM INDEPENDENCE, NOTING THAT EUROPEAN POWERS AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH RETAINED THEIR TIES TO EUROPE WERE HOSTILE TO GUINEA. HE
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DESCRIBED THE NOVEMBER 22, 1970 INVASION BY THE PORTUGUESE AND POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE OAU AND UN. HE STATED THAT THOSE GUINEANS AND FOREIGNERS WHO TOOK PART IN THIS AGGRESSION WERE CRIMINALS AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN "EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT." HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THIS INCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE SOME YEARS AGO AND NOTED THAT MANY OF THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH IT HAD BEEN RELEASED. THE RECENT "SLANDER CAMPAIGN" AGAINST GUINEA WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE GUINEAN REVOLUTION. HE STATED THAT HE APPROVED OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S MORAL COURAGE IN STANDING AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND ECONOMIC DEFICIENCIES WHICH DEPRIVE MANY OF THEIR RIGHTS. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE DOCUMENTS EXPLAINING GUINEA'S POINT OF VIEW AND QUOTED SEVERAL PASSAGES FROM SEKOU TOURE'S WRITINGS. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY DELEGATION TO VISIT GUINEA TO OBSERVE THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE REGIME.

6. BEAVOGUI GAVE THE ACTING SECRETARY A LETTER FROM SEKOU TOURE TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND REQUESTED A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

7. THE ACTING SECRETARY THANKED BEAVOGUI FOR HIS REMARKS.

HE REGRETTED THAT THE SHORT NOTICE OF THE VISIT DID NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO BE ARRANGED WITH THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION BEAVOGUI'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CESSATION OF SOVIET FLIGHTS AND STATED THAT THIS WAS IN ACCORD WITH GUINEA'S NON-ALIGNMENT. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A REAL SECURITY THREAT TO GUINEA WE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER GUINEA'S REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD CUTTERS AND MAKE A PROMPT RESPONSE THROUGH THE EMBASSY IN CONAKRY. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GUINEA'S EXPLANATION OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND SUGGESTED THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT
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INDICATION OF GUINEA'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THE ACTING SECRETARY CONCLUDED THAT THIS TRIP WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GUINEA.
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